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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 21 January 1981

Mr. Casey was in the chair and said he expects to be confirmed and sworn in tomorrow. He then briefly highlighted his philosophy about the day-to-day management of the Agency. [ ]

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Mr. Casey introduced Max Hugel who will work closely with him. [ ]

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Clarke and Lehman discussed the possibility of reinstating current intelligence briefings at the morning meeting. Clarke explained that in the past, the briefings consisted of highlighting articles from the PDB and the NID as well as briefing on late items that did not appear in the publications. Mr. Casey said he only wants to be briefed on the late items and expressed a preference for short staff meetings. [ ]

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Hitz reported that preparations for the World Wide Intelligence briefings are progressing and that the first briefing will be presented to the Senate Armed Services Committee on 27 January. Clarke said the NFAC analysts, who will brief the Committee, will rehearse their presentations on 23 January and invited Mr. Casey to attend. In response to Clarke's recommendation that Mr. Casey attend the whole briefing of the Armed Services Committee, Hitz said that he would not recommend that because it would set a precedent for later briefings of Congressional committees and would impact on the DCI's time. Mr. Casey agreed and said that he would give the opening statement at the first briefing and maybe stay for the morning session to get a feel for the briefing. Clarke said he would provide Mr. Casey with a paper giving the scope and range of the Armed Services Committee briefing. [ ]

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Clarke reported that NFAC has prepared papers for use by Mr. Casey at today's NSC meeting. [ ]

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Clarke advised Mr. Casey that all the Deputy Directors and independent office chiefs are looking forward to meeting with him to discuss problems and issues peculiar to their Directorates or offices. [ ]

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Hetu explained his role at the morning meetings. [ ]

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Lipton commented that the 1981 and 1982 budgets need his assistance and he would be meeting with Mr. Casey to discuss. [ ]

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Fitzwater reported that there were [ ] retirees as of 16 January and that the Agency was now two under the 1981 ceiling. He added that the hiring freeze will further decrease our numbers. [ ]

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Lehman reported that an Alert Memorandum was being prepared on the Libyan acquisition of the SCALEBOARD missile from the Soviets. [ ]

[ ] Lehman said that acquisition of the missile gives Quadhafi a weapon with a 900 kilometer range which can reach most cities in the northern Mediterranean. Clarke said we have to look at this information closely because it would mark the first time the Soviets let a weapon of that type out of their hands. Clarke said there are other missiles which look like the SCALEBOARD which could be involved. In response to Mr. Casey's request, Clarke will send him a note on the missile. [ ]

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Evans reported that at the President's request an interdepartmental task force has been established to review U.S./Iranian agreements by Secretary of State-Designate Haig and that the first meeting is this afternoon. Mr. Casey said he had seen the related paper and Clarke recommended that NIO/NESA be the Agency representative at the meeting. Mr. Casey concurred. McMahon said that if the task force focuses on the late hostage situation it would be wise for the Agency to maintain a low profile. Mr. Casey noted the task force had been originally established as a contingency in the event that the negotiations for the hostages failed. [ ]

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McCullough announced that Secretary Weinberger was sworn in this morning. [ ]

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In response to Mr. Casey's query, Clarke said staff meetings were usually held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Mr. Casey advised that the next one will be at 0900 23 January.

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